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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Local Government Advisory Committee

Teleconference

Meeting Summary

Wednesday, April 6, 2011
3:30-4:30 pm (ET)

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I. *Welcome and Introductions*

Tenika Taylor, filling in for Mayor Hudson, LGAC Chair, called the meeting to order, and welcomed the members of the Local Government Advisory Committee (LGAC), participating staff from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and other participants. She announced the order of business for today's committee meeting, with the intention to receive a special report out from the Gulf Coast Restoration workgroup, as well as all other updates from the other LGAC workgroups, time permitting. Tameka takes the opportunity to thank and introduce any members of the general public or press that may be on the call. Hearing no general public or press announcements Tameka moves forward the agenda.

II. *Motion to approve March 2011 meeting minutes*

The March meeting minutes were previously drafted and provided to the LGAC members prior to the call. Some minor edits or revisions were noted by several Committee members. LGAC Chair, Mayor Hudson, was able to join the meeting at this time. The Chair then called for a motion to accept the March 2011 Meeting Summary as part of the record. Mayor Davis so moved, Charles Allen seconded the movement, and the Committee all responded, 'aye'. *The Meeting Summary was approved with the allowance* for one final opportunity for Committee members to provide minor edits as necessary as long as not changing the substantive context of the document.

III. *Remarks by Ms. Joyce Franks, Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental (OCIR)*

Ms. Franks acknowledges the hard work and diligence that the LGAC is providing to the EPA and thanks them for their time and effort. She also wanted to thank Mayor Hudson and Mayor Roach for their leadership, as well as Rebecca Cook, who has been working to support the Gulf Restoration workgroup's efforts, and Fran Eargle, the LGAC's DFO who is temporarily leaving the LGAC to take up a temporary position with another EPA office. Ms. Franks looks forward to hearing the deliberations of today's Committee meeting and reviewing the recommendations of the workgroup.

IV. *Review of the Gulf Coast Restoration Workgroup's Proposed Letter and Report*

Mayor Randy Roach, Chair of the Gulf Coast Restoration Workgroup, first proposes to evaluate and opens for discussion the Gulf Restoration workgroup's letter to EPA Administrator, Lisa P.

Jackson. Mayor Roach highlighted several portions of the letter which outlined, and were meant to draw attention to, the recommendations that were drafted in the report.

Several committee members made small editorial recommendations, several which were to include or be more clear in the definition of local government(s), tribal representations, and other political categories or subdivisions. These editorial suggestions were noted and an additional letter and report with revisions (noted with Track Changes) will be available as an attachment to these meeting minutes.

Areas of Emerging Consensus:

- The LGAC Gulf Coast Workgroup is close to formulating and finalizing their recommendations (to the Administrator) with their drafted letter and report.
- The Workgroup has effectively identified and prioritize the 4-5 key issues to the Gulf Restoration and identify ways to define and determine what recovery is and looks like for the next 10, 20, and plus years.
- There was overwhelming consensus that local government and public involvement is important, and with a few minor additions and edit revisions, the workgroup's letter and report will be effective in serving the needs of the LGAC in providing local government input to the EPA administrator on Gulf Coast Restoration efforts.

Mayor Roach began to evaluate the Gulf Restoration Recommendation Report's highlighted items. After some discussion Bryon Griffith requested an opportunity to interject and propose suggestions to the Committee, which are stated in the meeting minutes below.

Mayor Heather Hudson, Chairwoman of the LGAC, recognized Bryon Griffith, and allows him to address the Committee.

Mr. Bryon Griffith, Deputy Director of the Gulf Coast Restoration Task Force, thanked the Committee, and Mayor Roach for their leadership and hard work. He appreciates the LGAC's efforts to assist EPA (and the Task Force) in providing local government related recommendations on the gulf restoration efforts. Mr. Griffith is much appreciative of the letter and the report that the Committee has drafted. Mr. Griffith proposes a few revisions in the phrasing of the report so as to ensure the greatest advice to the Environmental Protection Agency. Mr. Griffith pointed out a few examples within the report that were more aligned with the U.S. Coast Guard's jurisdiction, rather than that of the EPA, and so suggests that the Gulf workgroup revise a few of the recommendations within the report to best suit EPA's role in gulf restoration effort. These revisions, Mr. Griffith believes, will help to ensure that the voice of local governments will be incorporated in the Gulf Coast Restoration Strategy.

Mr. Griffith and Rebecca Cook will assist the Gulf Coast Restoration workgroup in making revisions as necessary.

V. *Public Comments*

Grover Robertson, a participant field expert working with the Gulf Coast Restoration workgroup, gives a few suggestions on how best to define local governments, as well as a few other directive suggestions pertaining to the content of the report and its definitions.

Charlotte Randolph, a participant field expert working with the Gulf Coast Restoration workgroup, also makes note of a few additional points of interest within the recommendations, namely the that the seafood industry issue is not mentioned within the report and may be worth including if it so interests the Committee.

Mayor Hudson allows for any other members of the public or press to make themselves known. Hearing no response the Chair moves forward with the meeting agenda.

VI. *LGAC Workgroup Charge – Quick Report Out*

In an effort to stay within the allotted Committee meeting's schedule, Mayor Hudson opens the floor for any pressing announcements that need to be made within the Small Communities Advisory Subcommittee, or other LGAC workgroups.

A. Expanding the Conversation-Environmental Justice (EJ) Workgroup - No pressing announcements

B. Protecting America's Waters Workgroup – No pressing announcements

C. Air, Climate, and Energy – Next workgroup meeting is for Thursday the 7th at 2:00pm EST.

D. Cleaning Up America's Communities - No pressing announcements

E. Small Communities Advisory Subcommittee – Commissioner Robert Cope announced that the SCAS group is still working on staying abreast of all the other LGAC workgroup efforts so as to infuse the small communities perspective as necessary.

VII. *Administrative Wrap Up and Next Steps*

Mayor Hudson acknowledges the need to adhere to the time constraints, as the meeting has gone over the designated schedule. After careful evaluation of the letter and report a motion was made to allow the Gulf Restoration workgroup to proceed with the final edits and revisions. Ms Eargle suggested those that were implied or discussed within today's meeting be revised over email within the workgroup but be accepted for Committee approval today. Mayor Hudson carried that motion and so moved, the Committee all responded, 'aye'. *The Gulf Coast Restoration workgroup's letter and recommendation report was approved.*

Mayor Hudson asked if there was other business, and if not, call for a motion to adjourn. A motion by Commissioner Cope and seconded, and all said, 'aye'.

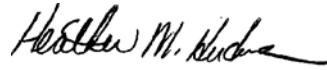
Meeting was adjourned at 4:45pm (ET).

We hereby certify that, to the best of our knowledge, the foregoing minutes are accurate and complete.

Submitted by:



May 12, 2011



May 12, 2012

Signature
Frances Eargle, EPA DFO

Date

Signature
Mayor Heather McTeer-Hudson, Chairwoman,
LGAC

Date

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Participants

LGAC Members

Mayor Heather McTeer Hudson,
Chairwoman (Assistant Tameka filling)
Mr. Jeff Tiberi
Ms. Sue Hann (Assistant Joanne filling)
Commissioner Robert Cope
Mayor Carolyn Peterson
Commissioner Dave Somers
Mayor Adam Ortiz
Mayor Dave Smith

Mayor Randy Roach
Mayor Ronald Davis
Commissioner Salud Carbajal
Mayor Marilyn Murrell
Commissioner Tom Hickner
Mayor Teresa Coons
Chairman Steve (Mon-wah) Ortiz
Mayor Jennifer Hosterman
Representative Chris Ross

EPA Representatives

Ms. Joyce Franks, Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, OCIR
Fran Eargle, DFO, LGAC
Paula Zampieri, DFO, SCAS
Mr. Jack Bowles, Director, State and Local
Rebecca Cook, Intergovernmental Liaison
Mr. Bryon Griffith, Director, Gulf of Mexico Program Office, and Deputy Director, Gulf Coast

Members of the Public

Grover Robertson, Gulf Coast Restoration Workgroup, Expert
Charlotte Randolph, Gulf Coast Restoration Workgroup, Expert